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Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, February 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Bernadette

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatchewan Perennial Society

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Meeting on Feb 8

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.3.3

Comments:

I am concerned that City Council may opt to no longer have a green house. This is short-sighted. Farming out to other suppliers should be temporary.

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Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

To City Council,

The proposed new Conservatory was approved last year in principal at a Meeting of City Council. The offspring of the much loved banana tree was discussed as safely housed in the greenhouse. Now all this is gone by the wayside, because of inaction by the City of Saskatoon at a critical time to shore up or replace the existing greenhouse in a timely manner.

We can still enjoy some green space in some of the city buildings such as City Hall. 'This service will continue in the short term but as greenhouse space becomes unavailable, adjustments to service delivery for civic plant displays will be required' per your report.

It is unacceptable that the citizens of Saskatoon in future will have to drive two and a half hours to Regina to see some indoor green space. And sure Regina has the capital commission to get plants from, we however will be paying full price for our plant material from wholesalers who may not deliver what's on order because Saskatoon is a smaller centre which often do not get priority.

If we are serious about the conservatory, we should ensure that plant material to showcase is readily available. One way to do this is to maintain at least some greenhouse space. So you are not at the whim of the supplier. Also, if the flowerpot program is to expand and continue, greenhouse space is required for this as well to ensure you have a large diversity of plants to showcase. Saskatoon is famous for its great plant pots and boulevards displays. I would hate to see them reduced to petunias only. It is better for the environment to grow your own plants that have not been inoculated with neonicotisoids that are detrimental to the insect population. Growing your own you have some control over this.

I see outsourcing as a short term solution. Perhaps the Edmonton model should be considered going forward, it is better for the Citizens of Saskatoon. Employing local people at a good wage, to grow local plants. You can call it job creation.

I urge you to consider this item carefully, as passing the problem onto someone else may well be detrimental to the social wellbeing and the beauty of the City.

Bernadette Vangool
Concerned Gardener